

Radford City Police Department



2013 Annual Report

Don Goodman, Chief of Police

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Letter from Chief Don Goodman

To Mayor Brown and City Council Members:

On behalf of the Radford City Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our **2013 Annual Report**. This report provides statistical information on the activities of the Department and highlights some of our accomplishments. What it can't catalog is the productive and professional relationship we enjoy as a part of the City's public safety team. We are grateful and proud to serve the City.

We have experienced a challenging year highlighted by staffing shortages and challenging public safety and police issues. Even with these demands, we continue to move forward as an agency. Our level of service and commitment to public safety and the community remain strong as evidenced by our growing Citizen's Police Academy, participation in the City/University Commission, instruction and participation in numerous university classes and the Radford Youth/Adult Partnership. Our relationship with Radford City Schools has never been stronger. We staff all the schools with police officers and have partnered with school administration to provide dynamic regional law enforcement and EMS training.

We continue to lead the way in law enforcement technological advances. We currently house mobile device evidence recovery software and equipment in our Criminal Investigations Bureau. This equipment allows us to not only serve our citizens, but other agencies from across the region as well. We continue to use canines to help us apprehend criminals and to uncover drug and gun/explosive evidence. Our handlers and canine partners participate in a regional training group enhancing public safety across a large geographic area.

It is an exciting time to serve the city as a member of the Radford City Police Department. I am proud of our accomplishments. However, it is the day to day problem solving and innovation by dedicated employees that brings me the most satisfaction. Employees and officers go above and beyond daily to provide exceptional service to the City. They continue to earn my respect as their Chief and as a City resident. Each and every one of them demonstrates our core values of Service, Courage, Order, and Pride daily.

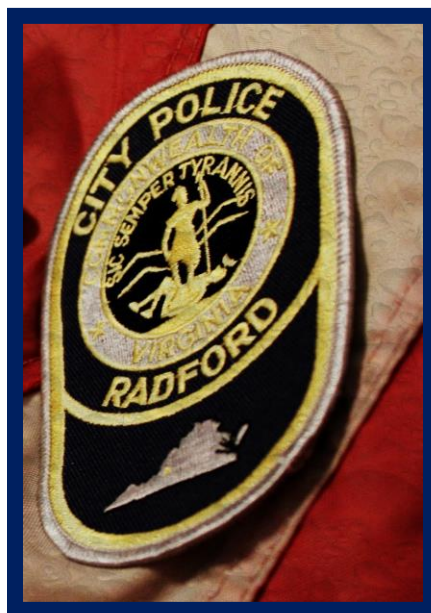
We invite you to review the pages of this report to share in our success.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman
Chief of Police

Mission Statement

THE RADFORD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL STRIVE TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS THROUGH A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL SERVE DAILY WITH COURAGE, ORDER AND PRIDE.



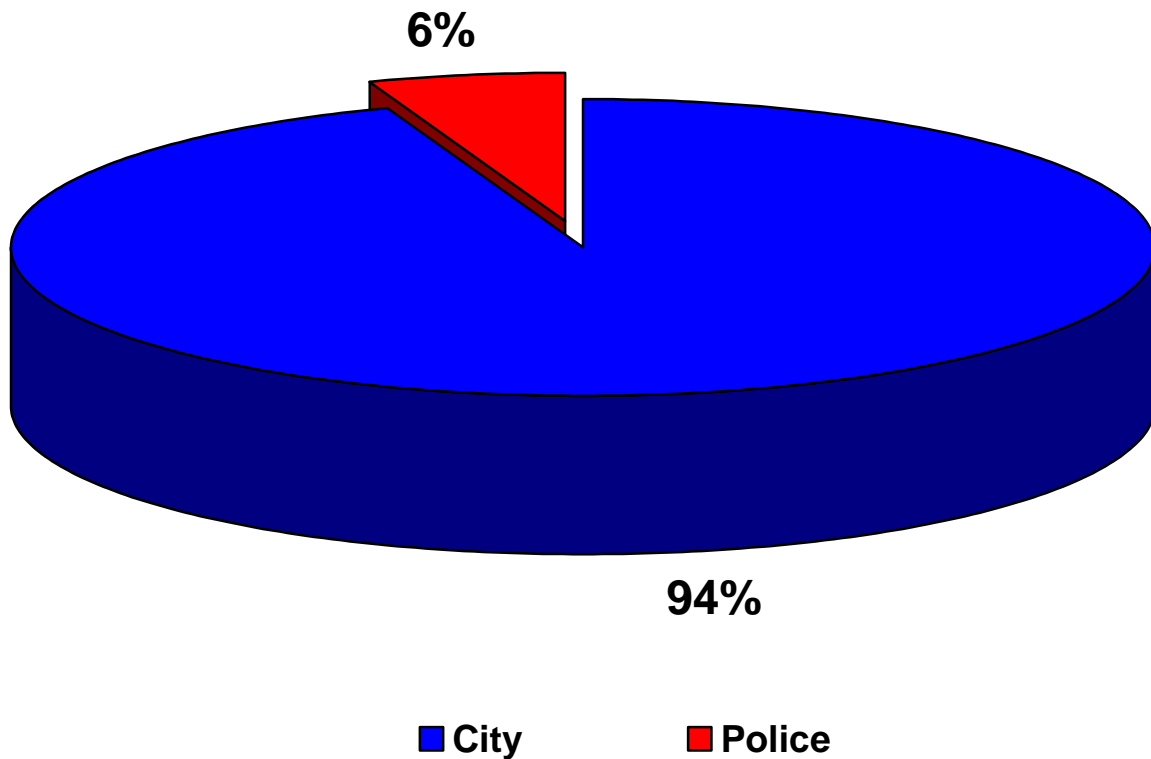
Comparison Of City Budget Versus Police Budget

Police Operations
2011-2012 FY Budget

\$ 3,613,585.00

City of Radford's
2011-2012 FY Total Budget

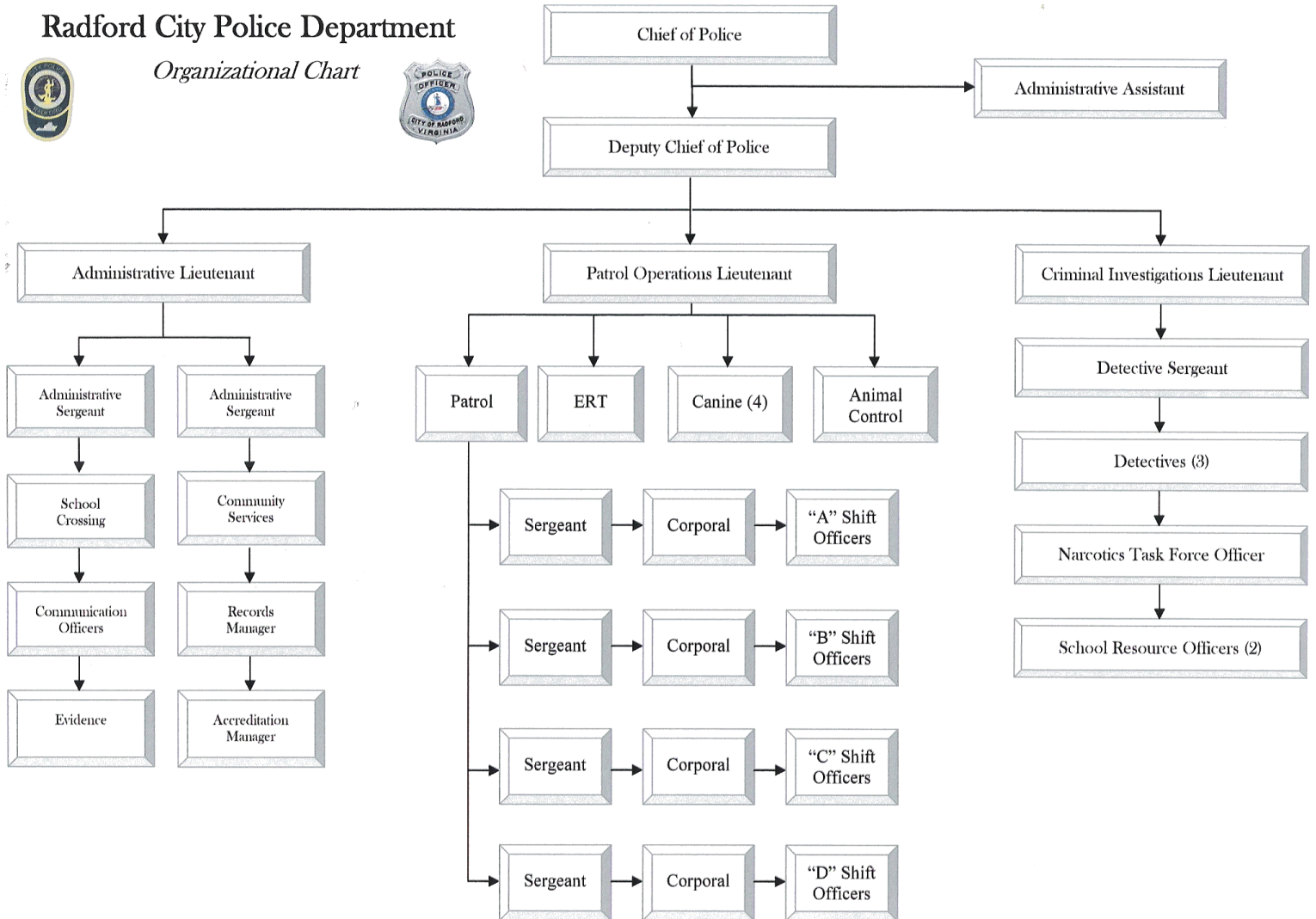
\$ 60,188,672.00



Organizational Flow Chart

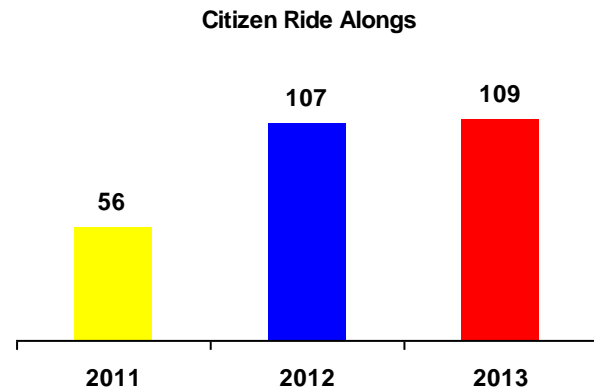
Radford City Police Department

Organizational Chart



Citizen Involvement

The Radford City Police Department offers a Citizen Ride-Along Program. The program allows citizens to ride with and observe police officers while they are performing their duties. A large number of college aged students participate in this program. Not counted in the totals above are the ride alongs done by the Police Department chaplains. Above is a comparison of citizen participation in this program for the last three years.



The Radford City Police Department held its Fifth Annual Citizen's Academy in 2013. The objects of the academy are as follows:

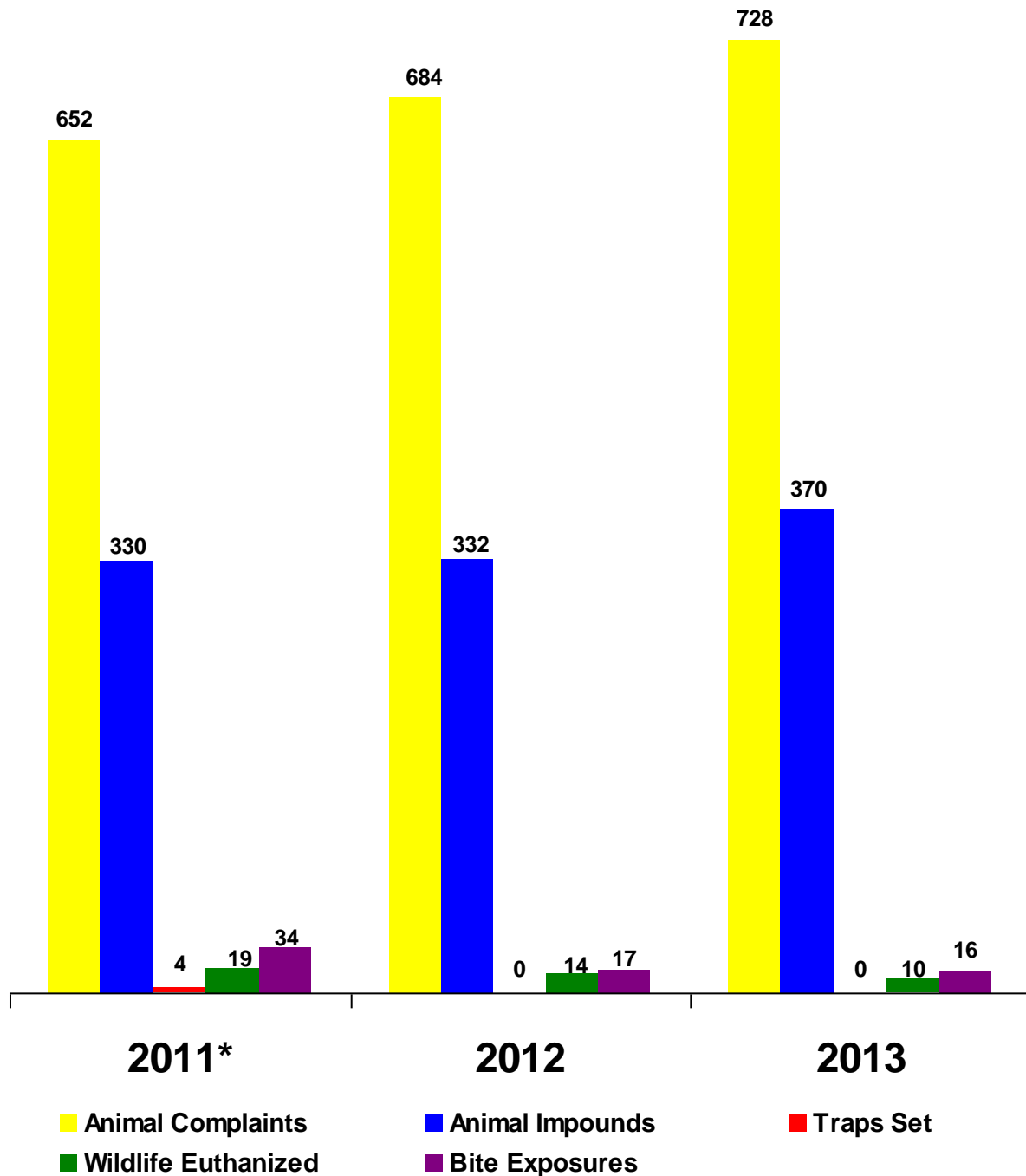
- To familiarize the citizens of Radford with the organization and function of the Radford Department of Police.
- To give the citizens a better understanding of the parameters in which an officer functions and why officers handle situations as they do.
- To develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement.
- To promote a positive image and base of support among members of the Radford community.
- To develop a nucleus of well-informed citizens who can be a resource for the community in promoting understanding between the community and the Police Department.
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We are honored to have as the graduates of the Fourth Annual Citizen's Academy the following outstanding citizens of the City of Radford:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| ❖ Chris Colby | ❖ John Colby |
| ❖ Devin Dausin | ❖ Erin Davis |
| ❖ Erika Duncan | ❖ John Fox |
| ❖ Matthew Garr | ❖ Lisa Graham |
| ❖ Eugene Grayson | ❖ Donald Hanshew |
| ❖ Dylan McNew | ❖ Serna Radolfo |
| ❖ Dustin Thompson | |



Animal Control



*During 2011, the task of setting animal traps and euthanizing wildlife ceased to be a responsibility of Radford City Animal Control

Animal Control (continued)

The Radford Animal Control shelter has made further improvements in 2013 to improve the facility which has improved care standards for the animals housed here. Much work has been done to the roof, the kennels, new windows have been installed, and painting on the interior and exterior has been done.

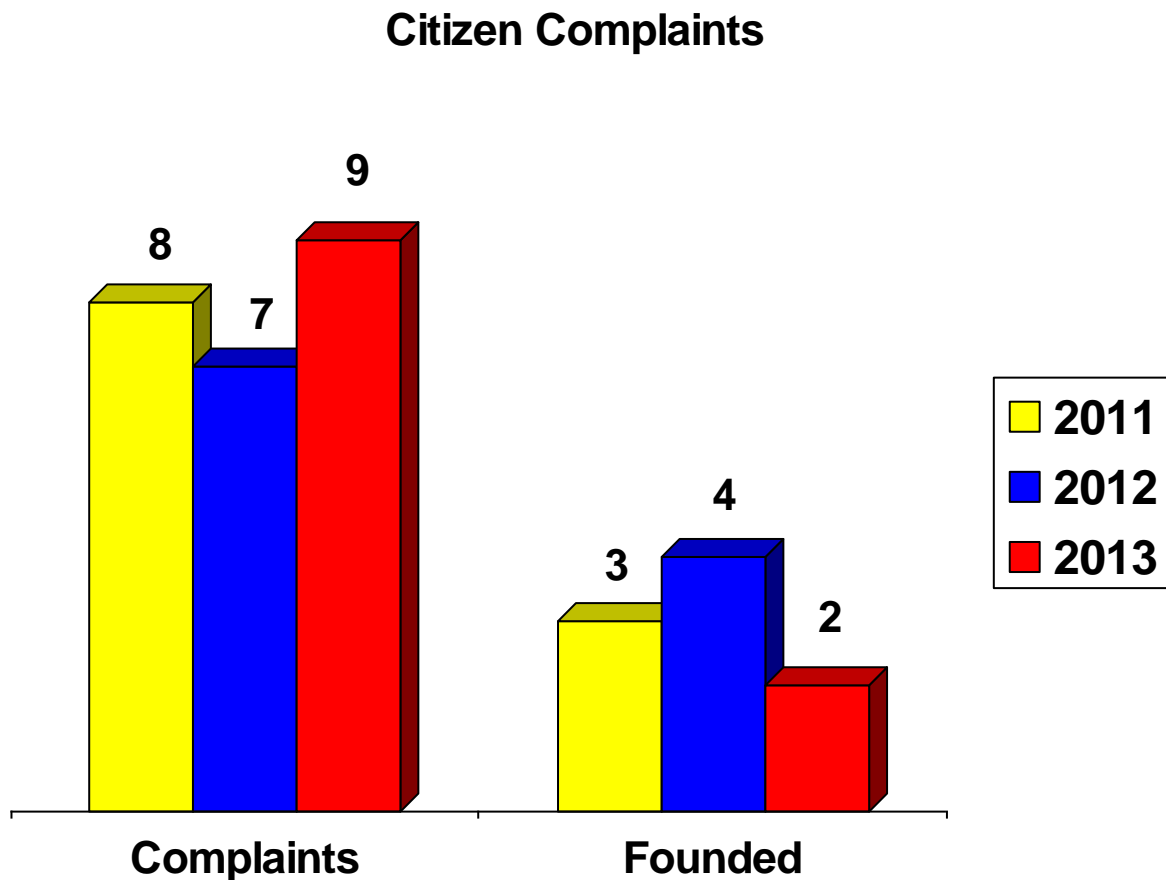
Radford Animal Control has continued services such as providing a pet food pantry for families who may need temporary assistance with feeding their fur family members. West End Animal Clinic and The Radford Humane Society continue to assist with low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations for any pet adopted from Radford Animal Shelter. They have also assisted many citizens with low cost surgeries, treatments and other animal related services. Low cost services for other animals are provided by Mountain View Humane Society in Christiansburg who provide spaying/neutering upon occasion for some shelter animals.



Citizen Complaints & Compliments

During the year 2013 the Department investigated nine (9) citizen complaints of misconduct by police officers. Of those nine (9) complaints, two (2) were founded. The founded incidents were corrected through appropriate disciplinary action.

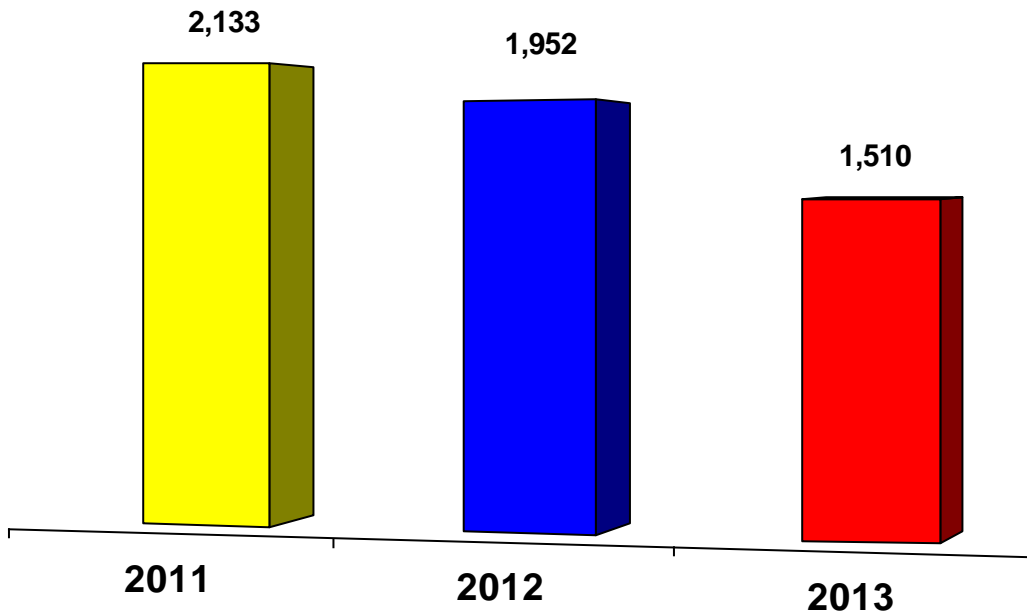
In addition to complaints, the Department welcomes compliments in written form for Police employees. In 2013, we received twelve (12) written compliments.



Parking Enforcement

The duties of parking enforcement are assigned to the Patrol Division and are shared by the patrol shifts. Patrol Officers have been effective in their enforcement of parking regulations and in the resolution of parking complaints.

Parking Tickets Issued



Emergency Response Team

The Radford Police Department formed an Emergency Response Team in 2008 after identifying a need to be better able to respond to critical incidents, multi-jurisdictional events, and an increase in “high risk” warrant service. Six years later, the Team’s membership remains intact as originally selected – which is nearly unheard of in law enforcement. This speaks highly of the Team Members’ dedication to the SWAT element and taking on additional duties and training to support the Department.

The Team now trains a minimum of two days per month and has been able to continue to train with other tactical units in the New River Valley. Radford ERT continues to utilize Boy Scout Camp Powhatan as its “SWAT Home.”

During 2013, outside of training operations, ERT has been utilized in numerous missions that include high risk narcotics search warrants, clandestine methamphetamine lab responses, unknown risk arrest and search warrants for the Criminal Investigations Bureau, and fugitive apprehension (both in the City and regionally). In addition, Radford ERT has for the fifth year in a row assisted Virginia Tech Police at all home football games by providing sniper/observer elements and anti-terrorism patrols. The Team continues to assist patrol officers (ERT’s *primary* mission) by providing personnel for reconnaissance and surveillance operations. The Team was utilized by a State Police/FBI Task Force during an undercover investigation of a “cold case.”

The Team has plans in 2014 to continue their rigorous training regimen. A continuing goal is to return the efforts made by the Boy Scouts on the Team’s behalf. A volunteer spring work day of service is being planned. ERT will assist in the Pulaski County Kids’ Fishing Day at Camp Powhatan. Construction on the joint BSA/RPD project Creekside Pistol Range at camp continues and is nearly complete. Restarting the “regional” training and operations effort is an additional goal and plans are in place to facilitate this project. Research for grant funding continues to upgrade equipment, vehicles, and operational capability.

ERT continues to have a large impact in assisting patrol officers by providing an additional level of response and safety for citizens. The team members continue to strive for new levels of operational capability.



Criminal Investigations Bureau

During 2013, the Criminal Investigations Bureau has worked a total of 645 cases including 12 aggravated assaults, 14 deaths and 18 cases that were sex crimes. Each detective is trained to process evidence collected at a crime scene using the specialized equipment. Evidence collected can quickly be processed in our lab which minimizes wait time between evidence processing and analysis. Detectives rotate on call assignments and each work a variety of types of cases.

Although Sergeant Caldwell transferred to the administration bureau in December, he continues to do electronic forensics for the bureau. Having this capability in house adds a crucial element to the investigative process. Caldwell does examinations for numerous agencies in the area.

We have expanded our drug investigation unit to work more aggressively toward curbing crime related to drug activity.



Criminal Investigations Bureau (continued)

We pride ourselves in the ability to handle virtually any case or situation that arises in the city. We work closely with other agencies and assist them as needed. We are the only department in the New River Valley that has an in house crime lab and the ability to conduct mobile device forensic exams. Thanks to an increase in the CIB budget this past year, we were able to upgrade the Cellebrite System Caldwell uses for exams. Caldwell conducted 180 forensic exams on mobile devices in 2013 for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies from Wytheville to Roanoke.

Agency cooperation is essential to the success of smaller police departments and their investigative units. Not only does Caldwell often conduct electronic examinations for other agencies, we also process evidence in the lab for other departments on a regular basis. Our lab is state of the art and often used as a teaching aid to classes at Radford University. Students are able to learn by hands on processing in real life scenarios which benefit them in their studies. This relationship between our agency and the university community has grown over the past couple of years.

Detectives attended a wide variety of training during the year that assists them in their positions. Each detective has been trained in evidence collection, interview and interrogation and other specialized courses that allow them to better serve the department. Detective McClanahan has been accepted into the Virginia Forensic Academy which is a specialized crime scene processing school conducted by the state lab. The 10 week training is conducted in Richmond and once completed, the bureau will have an additional specially trained crime scene tech to better process crime scenes.

Detective Smith completed meth lab certification training sponsored by the DEA during the past year. They provided equipment needed to respond to meth lab clean up. He responds as needed to assist the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force in investigations as well as assisting in meth lab clean ups.

We worked two violent home invasions/robberies over the past year and one victim was shot during the second incident. Several individuals were arrested in regards to their involvement and each was charged with multiple felonies. Shawn Bonds, a well know offender in the area, was recently convicted for a rape he committed in January of last year. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison by a jury.

CIB investigators work closely with patrol officers and school resource officers to not only solve crime, but also to identify suspects and target areas where crimes occur. Our bureau has been able to solve numerous cases that were linked to one or two individuals whose criminal behavior resulted in a pattern. From drug cases, breaking and entering cases to vandalism our unit works well together and the cases often overlap.

Criminal Investigations Bureau (continued)

In addition to cases in the City of Radford, we work closely with federal authorities on certain crimes. Lieutenant Wilburn is a member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force as well as the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. We also have working relationships with ATF, DEA, Marshalls and NCIS Agents in the area who assist when requested.

CIB personnel work an average of 8-15 cases at a time. We all work together on major or violent cases until a resolution is achieved. We work well with other agencies and each other and rely on our training and experience to improve our capabilities and solvability factors.

The chart below shows a breakdown of the cases CIB worked by type of offense. (It does not show cases we assisted patrol officers or other agencies with)

Type and Number of Cases Worked by Criminal Investigations for 2013

Weapon	4	Motor Vehicle Theft	6	Runaway Juvenile	2
Assault -Aggravated	12	Robbery	6	Vandalism	90
Assault - Sexual	18	Other Offenses	50	Weapons Offense	4
Assault - Simple	12	Larceny	140	Death	14
Burglary	49	Robbery	6	Fraud	105
Kidnapping	2	Drugs	65	MV related	49
Total 645					

Narcotics

In 2013, the Radford City Police Department saw a decline in our marijuana seizures. In turn, we saw an increase in Hallucinogens/MDMA seizures. We were also introduced to a new drug called DMT (Dimethyltryptamine) that is classified as a powerful hallucinogen. This discovery was made during an execution of a search warrant at 421 Sanford Street, Apartment A for the Distribution of Marijuana. Items recovered from this particular search warrant included materials used in the production of DMT along with Marijuana and \$5172.00 in U.S. Currency.

Also in 2013 we were able to intercept a package from Canada that contained 900 hits of a synthetic form of acid that the offender identified to be 25-c. In a price comparison the offender stated that non-synthetic acid would have cost \$2000.00-\$3000.00 were the synthetic only cost \$350.00-\$400.00. The trends that we are seeing is more and more towards the synthetic form of narcotics, whether it be marijuana or as we saw in this instance, LSD.



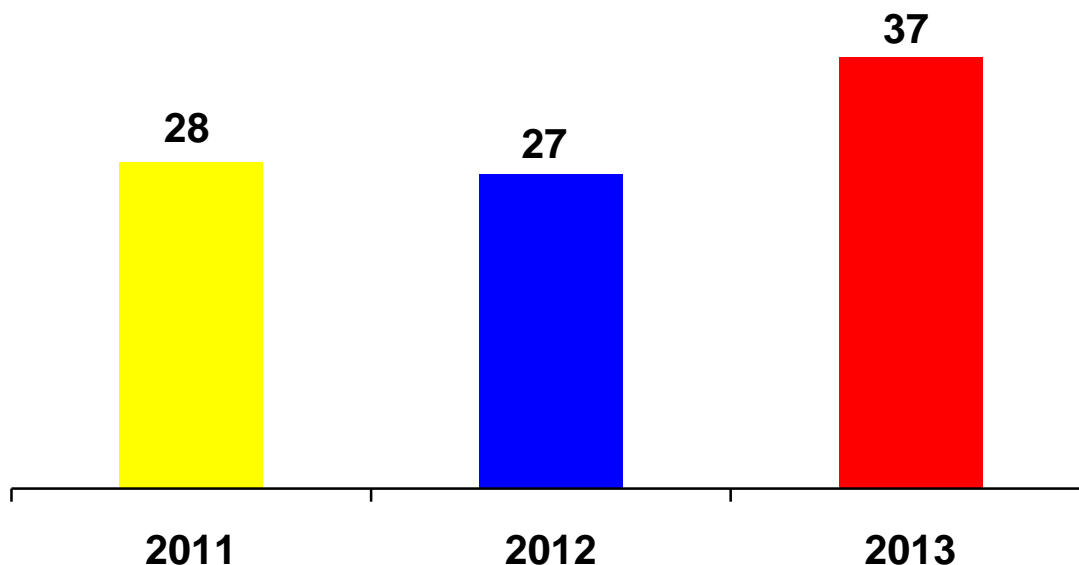
Narcotics (continued)



Controlled Substance	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In City of Radford
Marijuana	5 Pounds
Crack Cocaine	3.5 Grams
MDMA/Molly	61.9 Grams
LSD	965 Hits
Fentanyl Patches	8
Oxycodone	14.5 Tabs
Suboxone	1 Strip
Hallucinogens / Psyclobin	2 ounces
Psyclobin Grows	20 Spores
Hash Oil	11 Grams
Methamphetamine Labs	2 One Pot Cooks
DMT Lab	1 Lab
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Number of Search Warrants Executed	11
Total Amount of Money Seized	\$10,174
Vehicles Seized	1

School Resource Officer

Major Crimes in the Schools



The City of Radford has 2 full time School Resource Officers and an additional officer that rotates time in the other 2 schools. Our School Resource Officers provide safety and security in the schools by controlling disruptive students, meeting and educating parents and guardians, and offering guidance in regards to truancy and children in need of services. They provide instruction in various subjects and specializations and are responsible for the investigation of crimes that occur in all four of the schools in the district. One School Resource Officer spends most of his time at Radford High School, another School Resource Officer spends his time at Dalton Intermediate School and the other officer rotates time between Belle Heth Elementary and McHarg Elementary School.



K-9 Officer

In 2013, The Radford City Police Department continued the services provided by its K-9 Unit. The Unit responded to numerous regional requests from other jurisdictions for tracking, explosives detection, and narcotics detection. In addition to aiding surrounding jurisdictions, the Unit is utilized by The Radford City Police Department on a regular basis for the detection of narcotics and explosives, and additionally used for tracking and apprehension. The K-9 Unit has made multiple seizures of narcotics and performed many explosive sweeps. Police canines utilized by the agency have helped to mitigate danger during high risk activities such as building searches.

The Unit consists of:

- Ruckus, a Belgian Malinois, certified in tracking, obedience, apprehension, and narcotics detection; handled by Officer Rob Stultz
- Ares, a German shepherd certified in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection; handled by SPO John Crowder
- Robbie, a Belgian Malinois certified in explosive detection and apprehension; handled by SPO Mike Jenkins. Robbie was donated by the U.S. Navy to Radford Police Department in 2011.

As a whole, the K-9 Unit received over 1,600 hours of training in 2013.



Group “A” Offenses

The following pages outline the Group “A” offenses for 2013 as compared to that of 2012. Group “A” offenses are considered major crimes and are reported to the State as Uniform Crime Reporting Offenses.

	2012	2013	% change
HOMICIDE	1	0	-100%
KIDNAPPING	3	4	33%
FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Rape	11	9	-18%
Forcible Sodomy	2	2	-
Sexual Assault w/ object	4	2	-50%
Forcible Fondling	13	8	-62%
Total Forcible Sex Offenses	30	21	-42%
ROBBERY	10	7	-30%
ASSAULTS			
Aggravated Assaults	48	53	10%
Simple Assaults	224	207	-7%
Intimidation	15	18	20%
Total Assaults	287	278	-3%
ARSON	2	2	-
EXTORTION	-	1	NC*
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	106	78	-26%
LARCENIES			
Pocket Picking	-	-	-
Purse Snatching	-	-	-
Shoplifting	51	36	-29%
Theft from a building	15	32	113%
Theft from a coin operated machine	10	5	-50%
Theft from a motor vehicle	57	66	15%
Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories	23	15	-34%
All other larcenies	196	187	-4%
Total Larcenies	352	341	-3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	23	11	-52%

*The percentage is not calculable due to division by 0

Group “A” Offenses (continued)

	2012	2013	% change
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	62	28	-54%
FRAUD			
False pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	86	75	-12%
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	23	28	21%
Impersonation	21	26	23%
Welfare Fraud	-	-	-
Wire Fraud	-	-	-
Total Fraud	130	129	-
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	3	-
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	6	5	-16%
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	294	233	-20%
NARCOTICS OFFENSES			
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	245	300	22%
Drug Equipment Violations	133	153	15%
Total Narcotic Violations	378	453	19%
NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Incest	-	-	-
Statutory Rape	-	-	-
Total Non-Forcible sex offenses	-	-	-
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIALS	3	4	33%
GAMBLING OFFENSES			
Betting / Wagering	-	-	-
Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling	-	-	-
Gambling Equipment Offenses	-	-	-
Sports Tampering	-	-	-
Total Gambling Offenses	-	-	-
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES			
Prostitution	-	-	-
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	-	-	-
Total Prostitution Offenses	-	-	-
BRIBERY	-	-	-
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	22	17	-22%
GRAND TOTALS	1712	1615	-5%

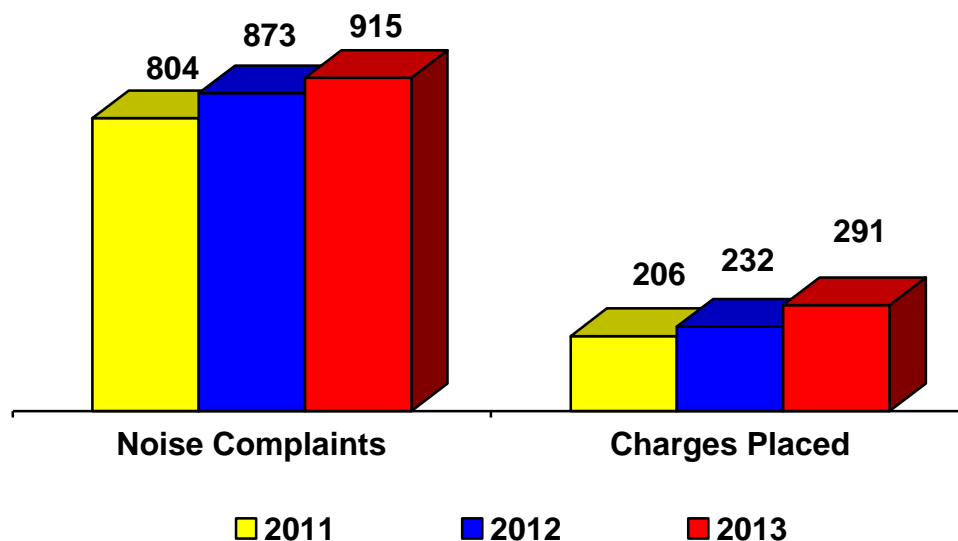
Group “B” Offenses

We will now examine Group “B” offenses. These are crimes that are not “major” in nature, but are serious offenses that require as much manpower and attention as Group “A” offenses. These are reportable to the state only when an arrest is made. This list will not include Driving Under the Influence reports or Alcohol Violation reports, as these will be discussed in depth further in the Annual Report.

	2012	2013	% change
Bad Checks	10	21	110%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation	2	1	-50%
Disorderly Conduct	21	26	23%
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	63	52	-17%
Peeping Tom	2	-	-100%
Runaway	18	31	72%
Trespassing	19	19	-
Conspiracy to Commit a Group “A” offense	20	17	-15%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group “B” offense	-	-	-
All Other Reportable Offenses	441	441	-
GRAND TOTALS	596	608	2%

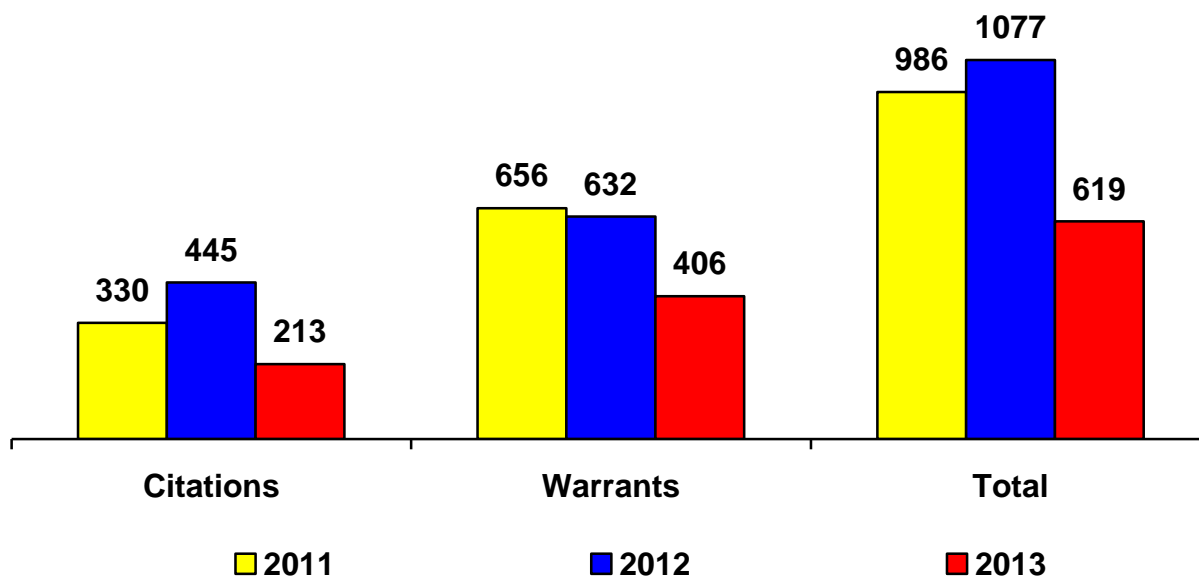
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Noise Violations



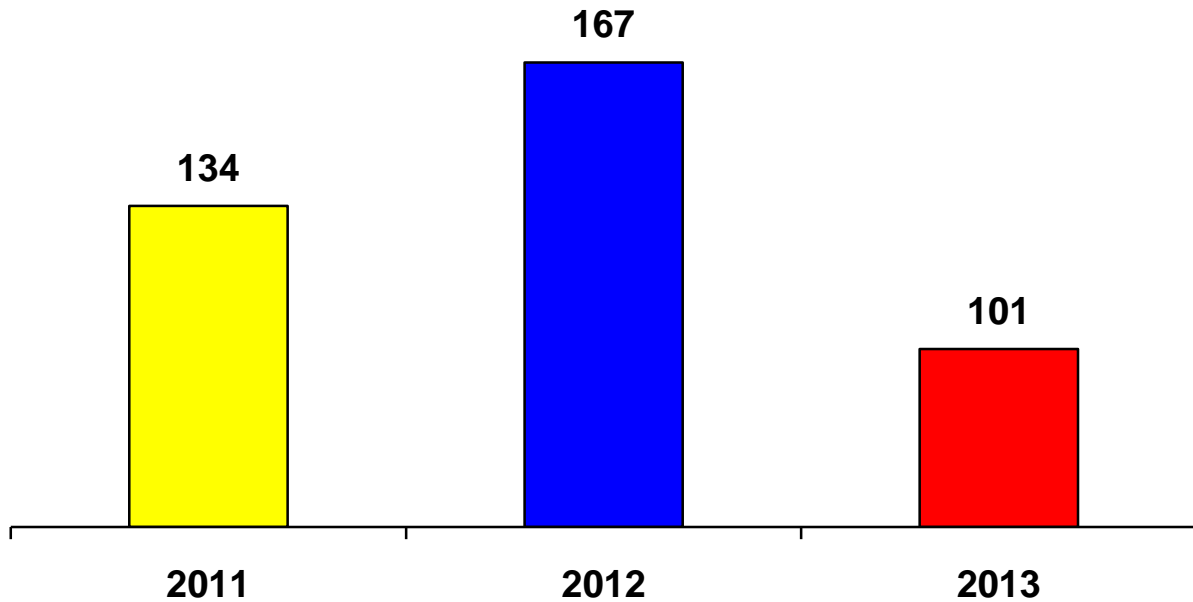
This chart illustrates the difference in the number of noise complaints versus charges placed in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Though a Noise Violation may seem to be a minor offense, it often leads to the discovery of more serious crimes such as drug and alcohol violations.

Alcohol Violations



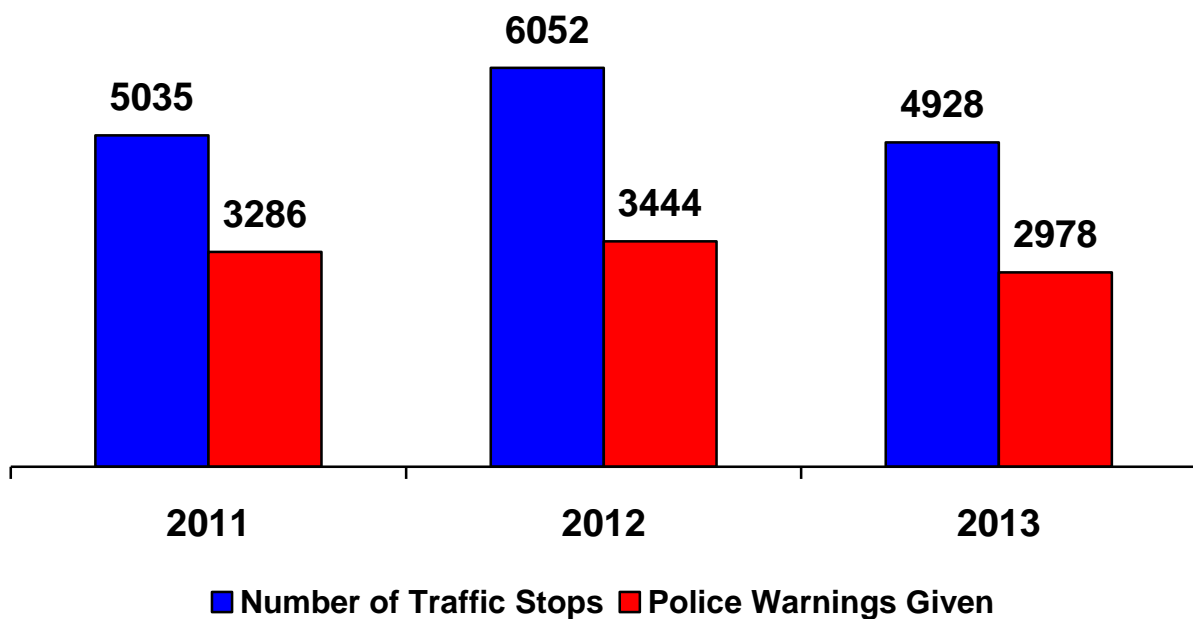
2013 shows a dramatic reduction in Alcohol Violation. This is in large part due to the lack of charges placed during the annual unsanctioned event of "Quadfest" at Radford University. The Law Enforcement presence during the event helped to reduce the number of offenses by almost 300 charges during the three (3) day event as compared to 2012.

DUI Arrests

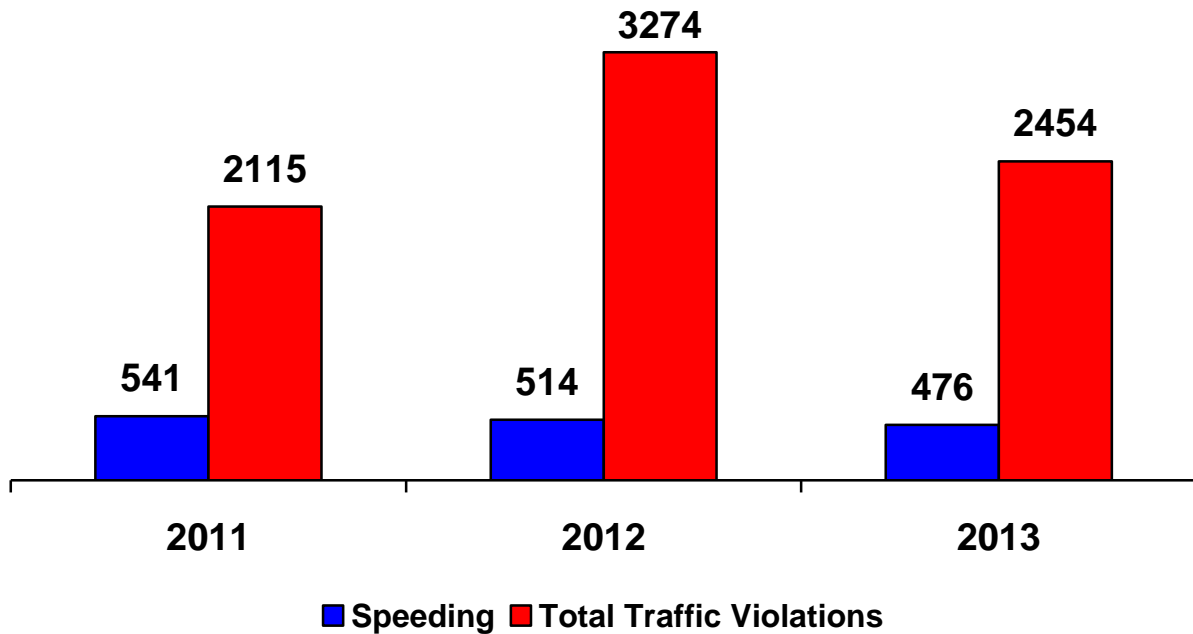


The sharp decline in DUI's and traffic offenses can be attributed to past years focused enforcement efforts. Motorists know to obey the law and often see patrol cars during their travels.

Traffic Stops

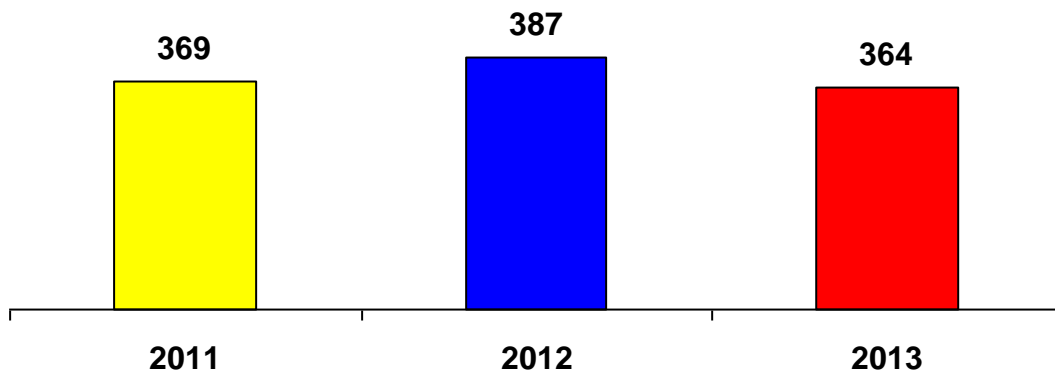


Traffic Violations (Resulting in Charges)



Vehicle Crashes

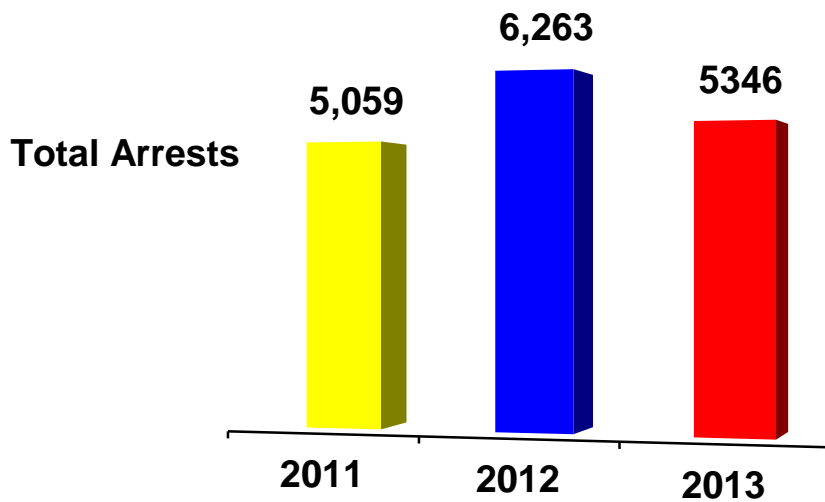
Total Number of Accidents



The decline in traffic crashes can also be attributed to focused traffic law enforcement.

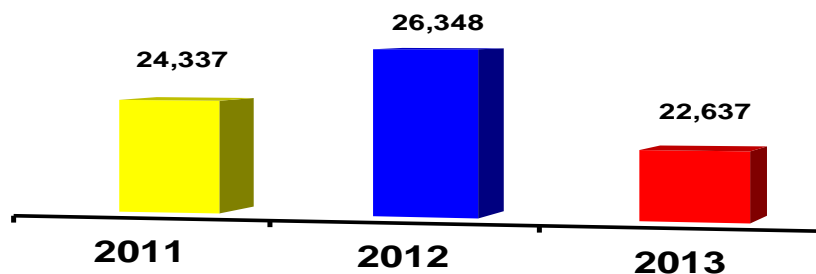
Arrest Totals

The Radford City Police Department makes arrests via two (2) main avenues. These are: citations, usually hand written on scene, for minor criminal offenses and for infractions of traffic and local laws and arrests or service made on warrants issued by the magistrate and indictments handed down from Circuit Court. Civil papers, which include the detention of mental subjects, no trespassing notices given to citizens, and protective orders, are also served by sworn personnel but not counted as arrests.



Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service



The total number of calls for service includes Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works calls that are dispatched through the Emergency Communications Center. The number of calls decreased 10% from 2012 to 2013. The number of calls may fluctuate based upon how data is input.

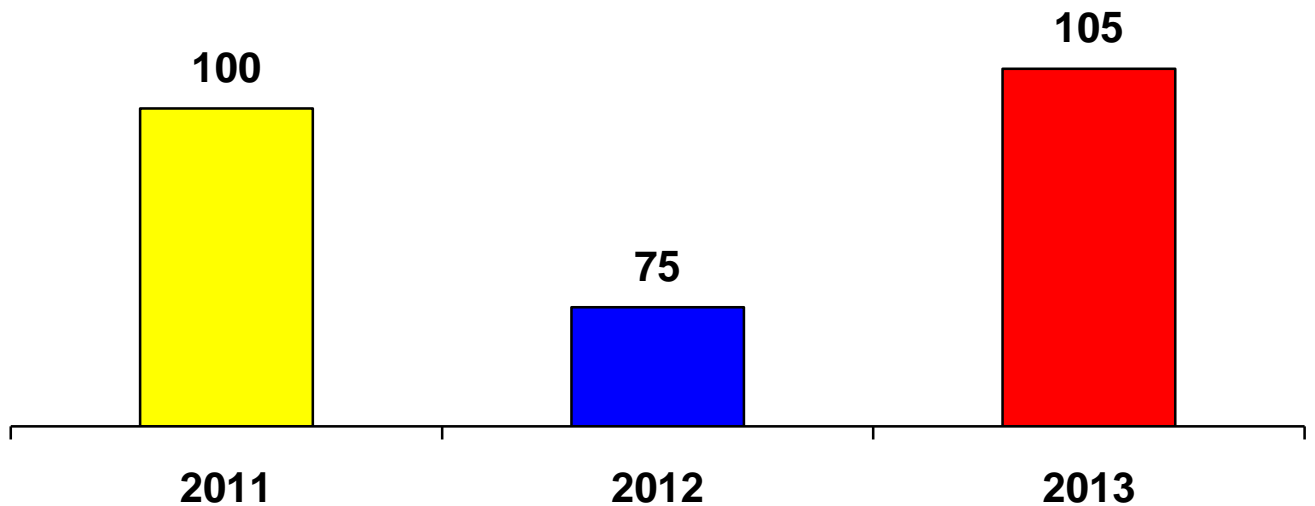
Requests for Community Service

In addition to requests for criminal investigations, service calls for criminal activities and other general public safety issues, the City of Radford Police Department spends much time assisting the community with non-criminal services. These include:

- ❖ Car Seat Installation
- ❖ Non-Violent Family Matters (to include Run-Aways)
- ❖ Civil Disputes
- ❖ Traffic Control

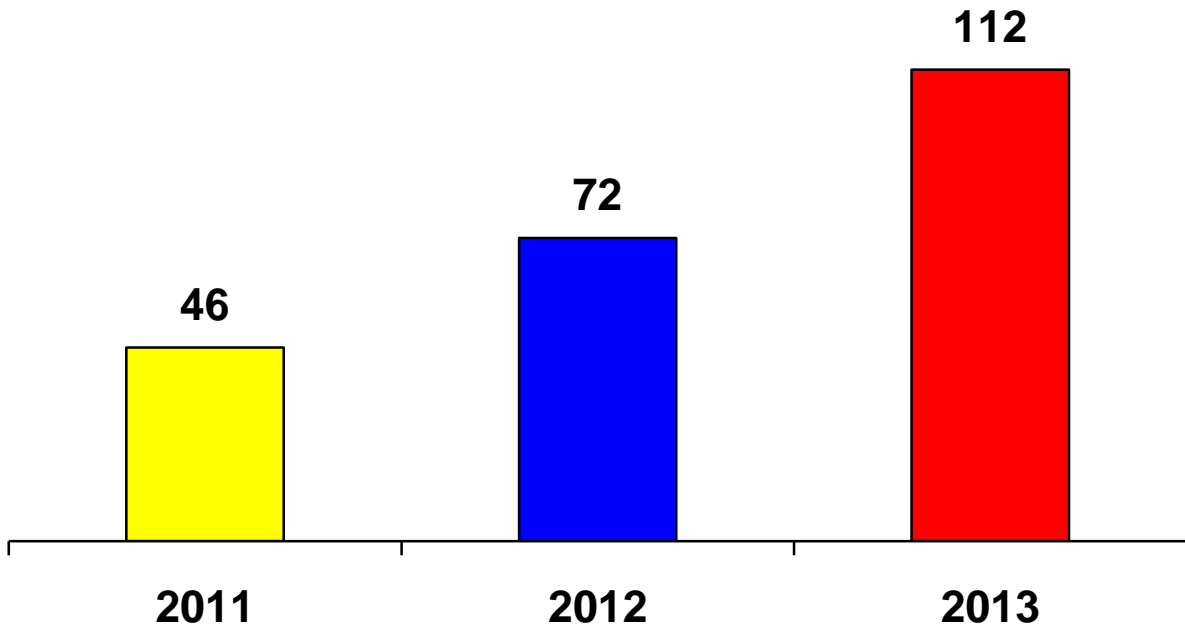
We will look at some of these services now.

Calls for Subjects Requiring Assistance from a Mental Health Agency

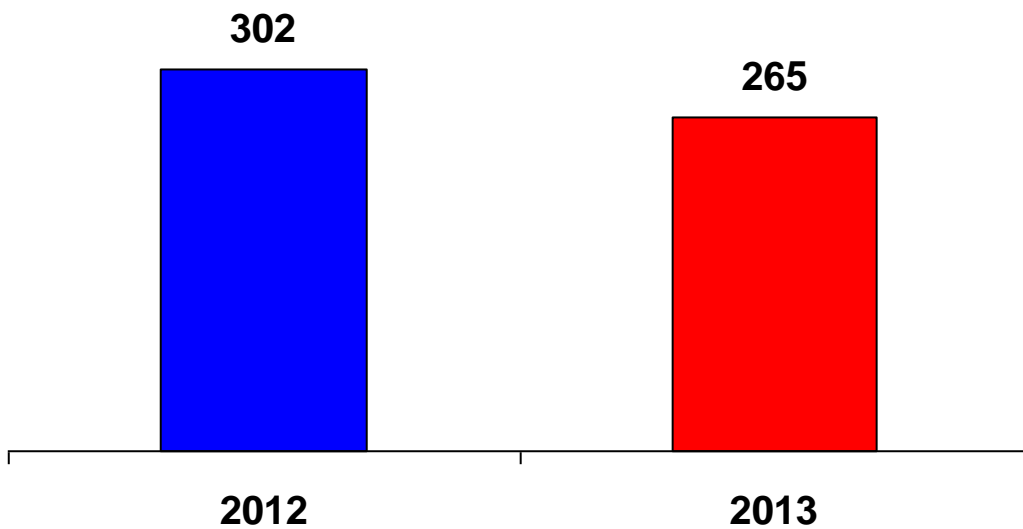


Requests for Community Service (continued)

Calls for Funeral Escorts



Calls for Vehicle Lockouts



Conclusion

The Office of Records Management at the Radford City Police Department, along with Chief Don Goodman, thanks you for your time in reading our **2013 Annual Report**.

Any questions or comments should be directed to:

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